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Aken.

1. On 7 April 1951, [redacted] the storage tanks at the Aken (N 52/D 96) fuel depot had been filled to capacity, and the depot had been occupied by Soviet troops for about five weeks. A guard detail of about 15 men was quartered in a villa next to the depot. (1)
2. Fuel allegedly arrived exclusively by rail. [redacted] four tank cars, coupled to the passenger train from Koethen, arrived at Aken. The cars were shunted to the fuel depot. Eight empty tank cars were on the spur track outside the depot. (2)
3. [redacted] fuel was picked up by tank trucks. About noon on 7 April, tank trucks [redacted] with trailers were seen at the entrance to the depot. The vehicles, driven by air force soldiers, left the depot after about one hour. [redacted] incoming and outgoing fuel was never shipped out, or received, by water. (3)
4. On 7 June, the fuel depot was guarded by air force sentries. Three large and four small fuel containers, [redacted] in-coming fuel shipments arrived exclusively by rail, and that outgoing fuel was partly shipped by rail and partly by road. The stand pipe at the harbor has allegedly not been used for about one year. (3)

Jueterbog, Slaughter House.

5. Between February and mid-March 1951, new fuel containers arrived at the Soviet fuel depot near the Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) slaughter house. On 19 March, 19 containers were counted in the depot. The number of containers actually available there was allegedly higher. (4)

6. Between late February and late April, motor vehicles [redacted] were seen at the depot:

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Rosa.

7. On 16 May, a Soviet Army fuel depot was seen in the area of the former Shell Company. The installation, about 60x40 meters, was separated from the harbor area by a wire fence 2.5 meters high. It was learned that fuel arrived exclusively by rail. No landing facilities for barges were seen. (5)

Rostock-Marlenehe.

8. On 3 March, 11 railroad tank cars were being unloaded at the Soviet fuel depot in Rostock-Marlenehe (M 51/0 81). A shipping label [ ] was seen on one car. (6)

9. The Soviet fuel depot consists of 11 large containers each with a capacity of about 20 to 30 cubic meters. It was guarded by 12 sailors. Fuel trucks are filled here occasionally and leave for undetermined destinations. (6)

Schleife.

10. [ ] three railroad tank cars with fuel arrived at Schleife (O 52/A 74) fuel depot between 26 and 31 March. The tank cars came from Boehlen. (7)

11. [ ] outgoing fuel was loaded on tank trucks or open trucks and left toward Spremberg and Weisswasser. This depot allegedly supplies the troops training in the Nochten area.

12. Truck [ ] was used for the transportation of food rations. It was seen picking up bread on 2 April.

13. The fuel depot was guarded by Soviet soldiers wearing black epaulets. [ ] there were 75 soldiers [ ] a VP unit of 110 men was quartered in the former administration buildings of the ammunition depot. The VP men allegedly guarded the depot.

Wulkow Estate.

14. Between January and mid-April, a fuel depot was observed at Wulkow (N 53/Z 49) estate. This depot was allegedly established by the Soviet Army in 1945. Drums with a capacity of 200 liters were seen there. They were partly underground and covered with boards. About 25 tank trucks were parked in three barns. These tank trucks picked up fuel at Altruppin railroad station. [ ] the depot is supplied with fuel at intervals of three to four weeks. (8) The guards were detached from a tank unit stationed in Neuruppin. Motor vehicles [ ] were seen picking up fuel [ ]

Comments.

- (1) Aken fuel depot, with a storage capacity of 7,000 cubic meters, was previously used mainly for civilian purposes. [ ]
- (2) Most of the incoming fuel shipments come from the Velton fuel depot, air force section [ ] assigned to the Aken depot. [ ]
- (3) [ ] there is a stand pipe with a pipe line to the Elbe Harbor. [ ]
- (4) This is a medium-sized depot with a spur track to Juetzenberg railroad station. [ ]
- (5) This probably refers to the fuel depot located at Diess Hafen. Besides this depot, there is also a mineral oil depot which is under German administration [ ]. It has not been determined whether the two depots are one and the same, or whether they are only adjacent to each other. [ ]
- (6) The large fuel depot which has been under construction since 1949, is assigned to the Germanphat Company, and seems to be mainly used for civilian purposes. [ ]

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(7) This refers to the former German Air Force ammunition depot which was converted into a fuel depot.

(8) This is believed to be a small depot in the former sheep farm of Bulker estate. The depot is only of local importance.

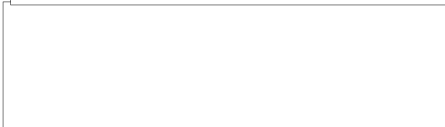
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(9) The motor vehicle mentioned in paragraph 3 belong to air force units; those in paragraph 6 are assigned to the 6th Xds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army; the 11th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army; the 9th Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army; and the Hq units of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

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